
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A MODERNIZED OAHU CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH A
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate
9 escapes; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on
14 the construction of a new Oahu Community Correctional Center,
15 with a capacity of 1,500 or more beds, in a location other than
16 the current Kalihi site; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu
19 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding
20 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and
21 other commercial establishments; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that
24 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
25 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration
26 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and



1 WHEREAS, the presence of the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and
3 currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's opportunity to
4 benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment
5 projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that
8 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including by
9 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to
10 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and
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12 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
13 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the
14 potential to be equally or more expensive than building a new
15 facility in another location; and
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17 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
18 would generate land development opportunities on the current
19 Kalihi site and spur private-public partnerships that could
20 improve Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail
21 without an undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or
22 long-term lease of the Kalihi site; and
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24 WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is
25 well situated to become a major center of economic activity,
26 generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and
27 property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and
28 benefit from private development related to transit-oriented
29 growth; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
34 urged to develop a modernized Oahu Community Correctional Center
35 within the Halawa Correctional Facility through a public-private
36 partnership; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conjunction with
39 development of the modernized jail facility, the Governor is
40 urged to:
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- 1 (1) Issue a request for proposals for the private
2 construction of the community correctional facility
3 for the State on a turnkey basis; and
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- 5 (2) Facilitate redevelopment of the land that is currently
6 occupied by the Oahu Community Correctional Center to
7 benefit the Kalihi community and the State, including
8 through partnerships with the private sector, to
9 generate revenue and innovative development
10 opportunities; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
14 of Public Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama
15 Neighborhood Board.

